

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE NORMAN Y. MINETA

SPEECH OF

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, California, the Congress and the Country are mourning the loss of a pioneering leader, a legendary statesman and a patriotic American: Secretary Norm Mineta.

Thank you to Congresswoman JUDY CHU and the leadership of CAPAC, for hosting this Special Order. It is fitting that we pay tribute to their Co-Founder here on the House Floor, where he served for two decades.

Over the course of his long, distinguished and barrier-breaking career, Norm Mineta was a man of many titles:

An intelligence officer in the United States Army;

Mayor of San Jose—the first Asian American mayor of a major city;

Mr. Chairman here in the House—not only of the powerful Committee on Public Works & Transportation, but also a strong voice in the creation of CAPAC;

and Mr. Secretary: the first Asian American to hold a Cabinet post—and he did so in not one, but two Administrations.

But as Norm told us himself, there was one title he always held dearest. He said, quote: “I cherish the word citizen because my own government . . . wasn’t willing to use that word to describe us.”

Indeed, all Americans are in awe of how—after enduring the cruelty of internment at just ten years old—Norm still chose to devote his life to serving the Nation that had turned its back on him.

Norm’s lifelong public service will forever be remembered as a profound act of extraordinary courage, grace & patriotism: fighting to correct injustice and ensure America’s founding promise for all.

Those of us who served with Norm in the House had the privilege of seeing this firsthand in his relentless mission for justice with the Civil Liberties Act of 1988.

He was the driving force behind this long-overdue law, in which the United States finally apologized for incarcerating Japanese American families like his own; and took a step to make amends for this stain on our Nation’s history.

Who could forget Secretary Mineta’s vision, tireless and patriotic leadership in the wake of the September Attacks—helping strengthen our Nation with the establishment of the TSA.

Personally, I will miss my dear friend, Norm, who treated all fortunate enough to know him with sincere kindness, humanity and respect.

And I join my fellow Californians in taking great pride in the fact that the San Jose International Airport continues to bear his name.

May it be a comfort to his loving wife, Deni, his sons David and Stuart, stepsons Robert

and Mark, and his many grandchildren that a grateful Nation prays for them and mourns with them during this sad time.

God blessed our Nation with the life and leadership of Norm Mineta. May he rest in peace.

CELEBRATING LUCILLE “LUCY” LEVY

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2022

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize the 100th birthday of Lucille “Lucy” Levy.

Lucille “Lucy” Levy was born in New York City on May 12, 1922. Her family moved to Long Island where she grew up and graduated from Lawrence High School. Upon graduation, she went to work as a model in the New York City garment industry. She met and married her dashing husband, Daniel Herman in 1941. They had three daughters: Nan, Marsha, and Laura; and were married for 43 years before his passing.

Lucy worked with her husband in the family retail business, Sandra Post, for many years. She was also involved in charitable causes including Variety Children’s Hospital and Temple Beth Shalom. She married her second husband, Irving Lovitt, and they were married for 22 years until his death.

As a centenarian, the history she has witnessed over the past century is quite remarkable. In her lifetime, 19 Presidents have served our nation, the global population has increased by nearly 6 billion people, and countless inventions from the airplane to the internet have launched us into a new technological era.

Today, Lucy lives in Aventura, Florida and is keeping up with current events, reading the newspaper cover to cover every day, and continues to be a devoted and loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Countless individuals have been touched by the richness of the stories and memories she has shared throughout the years.

I join Lucy’s family and her Aventura community in wishing her a Happy 100th Birthday.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2022

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I missed three roll call votes. Had I been present, I would have voted:

YES on Roll Call 147, Joyce (OH)/Carson Amendment;

YES on Roll Call 155, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass the United States

Army Rangers Veterans of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act; and

YES on Roll Call 162, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended the Russia and Belarus SDR Exchange Prohibition Act.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CAREER OF MAJOR SERGEANT HUNTER SORRELLS

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2022

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the career of retiring United States Marine Corps Master Sergeant Hunter Sorrells.

During his time as a Marine Corps fellow in my office, Master Sergeant Sorrells served our men and women in uniform, along with the veteran community of Northeast Wisconsin, with the utmost dedication and professionalism. His intelligence, tenacity, and devotion to helping others made him a beloved and invaluable member of my team. His relentless advocacy on behalf of Northeast Wisconsin veterans changed the lives of multiple individuals in my district and delivered for them the benefits they earned in service of our Nation.

There is no better example of Master Sergeant Sorrells’ dedication to his fellow men and women in uniform—particularly Marines—than his efforts to recover the Camp Reasoner base sign from Vietnam. After being informed of the issue, he dove into action and not only gathered bipartisan support, but expertly worked through the logistics that would be required to bring the sign home to American soil. Thanks to his perseverance, all Marines then serving in the House of Representatives signed onto a letter bringing the issue to the attention of Secretary of State Mike Pompeo. Throughout his time in my office, Master Sergeant Sorrells exemplified the highest standards and values of the United States Marine Corps. I am privileged to have had the opportunity to work alongside this great American.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Master Sergeant Hunter Sorrells’ exemplary career in the Marine Corps and wishing him all the best in retirement. Our Nation is safer, and the Northeast Wisconsin community is better, because of his service.

PHILADELPHIA ORCHESTRA

HON. MARY GAY SCANLON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2022

Ms. SCANLON. Madam Speaker, I rise today as a proud Pennsylvanian, and someone who has been a season ticket subscriber to the Philadelphia Orchestra for almost 40

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